since taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, whan this amount is likely to be reimbursed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An amount of about Rs. 11.93 crores incurred by the Orissa State Government in the construction of Paradip Port is payable by Paradip Port Trust to the State Government.

(b) to (d). The question of finalisation of terms & conditions of repayment of initial capital expenditure by Paradip Port Trust to the Orissa State Government is taking time as the question involves a policy issue regarding the sharing of capital investment on such ports.

Weeding out of Redundant Projects

2530. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued directions to all the ministries to prioritiesthe projects under their control and defer or weed out schemes which have become redundant so that expenditure could be gradually reduced;

(b) if so, the details of the projects which have been deferred or weeded out by each ministry; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be reduced by each ministry as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). As indicated in para 38 of Finance Minister's speech while presenting the Budget for 1991-92 (July, 1991) all Ministries have been requested to priorities their activities so that those which figure at the bottom of the list can be abridged, while those which have outlived their utility can be abandoned altogether. The result of the prioritisation of existing schemes will be taken into account while sanctioning 8th Plan schemes. Further, while the results of the prioritisation will be fully realised only over a period of time, the savings that will arise in the immediate future will be incorporated in the revised estimates of 1991-92 and Budget estimates for 1992-93 which will be presented to the Parliament in February, 1992.

Cases Pending against Drug Offenders

2531. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in different courts under the Prevention of Illegal Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITS-NDPS) Act, 1985;

(b) the number of cases out of them pending for more than three years;

(c) the number of cases out of them which are against foreigners;

(d) whether representations have been made by foreign offenders to the Consulates and international civil rights organisations to file petitions for them because of the delay in trying the cases;

(e) the number of posts of special judges lying vacant in courts trying these offences; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for early trial of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (f). Prevention of Illicit